

**REGULAR MEETING OF  
DIRECTORS OF BELMONT FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT  
Tuesday, June 10, 2014  
CITY COUNCIL CHAMBERS, ONE TWIN PINES LANE  
and Disney's Wilderness Lodge 901 Timberline Dr, Lake Buena Vista, FL 32830  
(Teleconference location of Board President Lieberman)**

**CONVENE STUDY SESSION, City Council Chambers, 6:40 p.m.**

BOARDMEMBERS PRESENT: Reed, Braunstein, Stone, Wright, Lieberman (via Skype)

BOARDMEMBERS ABSENT: None

**Presentation on Results of Truck Pilot Study and Direction on Agreement for Shared Truck Services with the Cities of Foster City and San Mateo**

Mike Keefe, San Mateo/Foster City Fire Chief, described the pilot shared truck program wherein a fire truck was relocated from Foster City to a station in San Mateo. He noted that the response times are balanced among the agencies, and that the new station can be modified to accommodate the additional staff and equipment. He pointed out that the truck would be staffed with a four-person crew as opposed to the current three-person crew, with the addition of a paramedic/firefighter. He noted that the labor groups support this proposal.

**Kristin Mercer**, Belmont resident, commented regarding Belmont's purchase of a ladder truck when it became its own department and pointed out the debt that is still being paid on the truck.

Fire Chief Keefe and City Manager Scoles responded.

**ACTION:** On a motion by Director Stone, seconded by Director Reed, and unanimously approved to accept the Truck Pilot Study and direct staff to develop an agreement for shared truck services with the Cities of Foster City and San Mateo.

**ADJOURNMENT at this time, being 6:55 p.m.**

**Terri Cook  
District Secretary**

Meeting audio-recorded and videotaped.

**REGULAR MEETING  
CALL TO ORDER 7:05 P.M.**

**(Note: Belmont Fire Protection District meeting held concurrent with the City Council Meeting.)**

## **ROLL CALL**

BOARDMEMBERS PRESENT: Reed, Braunstein, Stone, Wright, Lieberman (via Skype)

BOARDMEMBERS ABSENT: None

## **ITEMS APPROVED ON CONSENT CALENDAR**

Minutes of Regular Belmont Fire Protection District Meeting of May 27, 2014

**ACTION:** On a motion by Director Reed, seconded by Director Stone, the Consent Agenda was unanimously approved.

## **Public Hearing to Adopt Proposed Budget and Related Items for Fiscal Year 2015**

**ACTION:** On a motion by Director Reed, seconded by Director Stone, the following Resolutions were approved during the Public Hearing for Fiscal Year 2015 Budget (concurrent hearing with City Council)

Resolution 2014-011 Adopting the Proposed FY 2014-15 Base Budget Revenue, Appropriations, and Permanent Staffing Plan for the BFPD

Resolution 2014-012 Adopting the Appropriations Limit FY 2014-15 for BFPD

Resolution 2014-013 Making FY 2014-15 Amendments to the Master Revenue Schedule (BFPD)

## **OTHER BUSINESS**

### **Introduction of an Ordinance of the Belmont Fire Protection District Establishing the Wildland-Urban Interface (WUI) Area and Designating the San Juan Canyon and portions of the Western Hills as Very High Fire Hazard Severity Zones**

Deputy Fire Chief Gaffney described the initiation of the Wildland Urban Interface area following the Oakland Hills Fire in the early 1990's. He noted that the San Juan Canyon and portions of the Western Hills fall within the standards set out for this designation. He described the current areas that were designated as VHFHSZ by the State of California. He noted that the proposed ordinance captures areas within Belmont that were missed in the original mapping and include other areas that meet the criteria.

Building Official Nolfi noted that the State of California has an extensive list of products that can be used in WUI-designated areas. He clarified that the difference in the cost of building a home in WUI compared with non-WUI areas would be approximately 15 percent.

Deputy Fire Chief Gaffney clarified that no retrofitting of existing residences would be required should the ordinance be adopted but clearing of defensible space would be. He also pointed out that any modifications to existing structures would require the use of the designated products.

District Vice President Braunstein suggested that homeowners in affected areas be notified of the proposed ordinance.

Discussion ensued regarding notification, education, and the implication on insurance rates.

**Adele Della Santina**, Belmont resident, stated that she does not support the designation of the very high fire zone.

**Perry Kennan**, Belmont resident, expressed support for requiring the use of more fire retardant materials, and expressed concerns for grandfathering existing structures.

Directors concurred that the City should do what it can to proactively mitigate fire hazards.

**ACTION**: On a motion by Councilmember Stone, seconded by Councilmember Wright to introduce ordinance, waive further reading, set second reading and adoption for July 22, 2014.

**ADJOURNMENT** at this time being 10:30 P.M.

**Terri Cook**  
**District Secretary**

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